

## Message Text

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INFO USLO PEKING  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 14999

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: JA, CA  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR SATO TO PHNOM PENH

REF: PEKING 2546

1. MOFA ANNOUNCED AUGUST 18 THAT AMBASSADOR SATO WOULD TRAVEL FROM PEKING TO PHNOM PENH ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FOR PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS TO POL POT GOVERNMENT, RETURNING SEPTEMBER 9. ACCORDING TO 1ST SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR YUSHITA, SATO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DONOWAKI AND MURAYAMA OF PEKING EMBASSY, AND ASIA BUREAU DEPUTY DIRGEN MIYAKE AND YUSHITA FROM TOKYO. YUSHITA SAID THAT AT THIS POINT MOFA HAD NO IDEA WHAT SORT OF PROGRAM CAMBODIANS WOULD ARRANGE FOR THEIR ONE-WEEK STAY, OR EXTENT TO WHICH SATO WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH KAMPUCHEAN LEADERSHIP.

2. YUSHITA SUGGESTED, INFORMALLY, THAT U.S. MIGHT HAVE CERTAIN LINES OF INQUIRY IT WOULD LIKE JAPANESE DELEGATION TO PURSUE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT JAPANESE DID NOT KNOW HOW THEIR VISIT WOULD BE STRUCTURED. WITH NO CERTAINTY ABOUT  
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FEASIBILITY OF VOICING PARTICULAR QUESTIONS, HE DID NOT WISH OFFICIALLY TO INVITE QUERIES, BUT SAID JAPANESE WOULD DO WHAT THEY COULD DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES THEY CONFRONTED IN PHNOM PENH. EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD CONVEY YOSHITA'S INFORMAL VIEWS TO DEPARTMENT.

3. YOSHITA ASKED THAT DETAILS OF SATO VISIT, INCLUDING

EVEN NAMES OF ENTOURAGE (ONLY MIYAKE'S PARTICIPATION WAS  
ANNOUNCED) BE TREATED FOR MOMENT AS CONFIDENTIAL. IN  
ADDITION, YUSHITA SHOULD NOT BE CITED IN CONVERSATIONS WITH  
JAPANESE AS HAVING IN EFFECT SOLICITED REQUESTS FOR INFO.  
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